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Special Officer will also prepare a Revenue Settlement Manual for the guidance of the Settlement Officers. An allotment of Rs '18 of a lakh has been included in the next year's budget for the Special Officer and his staff. Provision has also been made in the Survey Department budget for a small temporary staff for completing the sub-division survey of the Pallivasal-Neriamangalam road still left unsurveyed and also for checking and closing the records of the field work done in connection with the survey of the lands in Mannan Kandam Valley. When the temporary puduval staff was abolished at the close of 1106, a large volume of puduval sub-division work had been left incomplete in the taluks of Pattanamtitta, Kunnattur, Kottarakara and Pattanapuram. As the work so far done has to be completed and as the normal taluk staff will hardly have time to attend to this work, provision is made for the entertainment of a temporary staff for clearing off the arrears in those taluks. The special temporary staff in the Survey Department for checking the puduval sub-division sketches is proposed to be continued in 1109 also as there is still a large balance to be disposed of. Besides continuing the existing Survey School at Kottayam during 1109, it is proposed to open a Special Survey class at Trivandrum for the training of Tahsildars and Magistrates who have not yet had survey training. It is expected that the fees levied from the students will more or less cover the expenditure thereon. Increased allotment has been made for improvements to markets and a sum of Rs 6,123 has been provided for acquisition of lands for providing house sites to the fishermen of the Quilon beach.

10. *Excise.*—The smuggling of dutiable articles, especially tobacco and beedi tobacco, has of late been on the increase in the northern frontier of the State and the revenue from tobacco is adversely affected thereby. A special staff was therefore appointed about the middle of this year to successfully combat the smuggling operations. The staff has so far collected only the materials required for organising a method to prevent smuggling. It is therefore proposed to continue this special staff during 1109 and also to appoint an additional preventive force strong enough to guard all the smugglers' routes in the northern frontier and thus break up the gangs of smugglers. Provision is also made for the continuance of the temporary staff entertained in connection with the introduction of local option in the Changanachery town, for guarding the Arukutty, Piravom and Alwaye frontiers and for the compilation of statistics in the principal Customs Houses and in the office of the Excise Commissioner.

11. *Forest.* The forests of Travancore have always been famous for their large variety of game. Of late, there has been considerable poaching and indiscriminate game shooting in the Travancore Hills. In British India and other Indian States, where a similar state of affairs existed, associations have been formed for game preservation. It is essential that some measures should be devised here also to prevent the wanton destruction of game and it is therefore proposed to appoint a

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